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WorkSource Mason County Awarded \$6,000 to Create Mobile Center to Reach Hispanic and Disabled Job Seekers

SHELTON – WorkSource Mason County was awarded \$6,000 by the Washington State Employment Security Department to provide special services to unemployment claimants with disabilities and English language barriers.

Lorraine Coots and Louie Alier, employment specialists for WorkSource Mason County, said the grant will pay for a “mobile WorkSource” to provide services to job seekers in outlying areas of Mason County.

The traveling center will visit out-of-work residents who are blind, deaf, or have other disabilities that make it difficult for them to visit WorkSource Mason County’s center in Shelton or an associated satellite office in Belfair. It will also visit Hispanic communities whose residents aren’t fluent in English.

“This mobile Worksource will able us to reach unemployed people who need our services but have not always been effectively reached due to language and cultural barriers,” Coots said.

The mobile center will include state-of-the-art computers, video equipment, large-print and regular written materials, and special adaptive equipment for voice magnification. Staff fluent in Spanish and English will teach workshops in resume writing, interviewing, searching for jobs online, and other topics targeted to customer needs.

“We’re opening the door to these traditionally underserved populations of job seekers and providing them with access to resources that will help them find and keep jobs in today’s competitive market,” Alier said.

The \$6,000 allocated to Mason County is part of a \$100,000 U.S. Department of Labor grant received by Employment Security to distribute to local programs that assist people in finding work.

WorkSource Mason County provides all the resources job seekers and employers need in one place. The center is located at 2505 Olympic Hwy N. Suite 420, Shelton. For more information, call (360) 427-2174 or check out WorkSource services online at <http://www.go2worksource.com>.

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